

REMARKS

Claims 23-43 were filed in the original application. In the Response to Office Action mailed March 17, 2006 claims 23 and 30 were amended, claims 28-29 and 35-43 were cancelled, and claims 44-55 were added. In the Response to Final Office Action mailed July 6, 2006 claim 30 was amended, and claims 23-27 and 44-49 were cancelled. In the Amendment and Response to Final Office Action of April 20, 2007, claims 30-33, and 50-54 were amended, claim 34 was cancelled, and claims 56- 62 were added. In the Notice of Allowance mailed September 19, 2007, claims 30-33, and 50-62 were entered into allowance.

Now the Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination so that the United States Patent and Trademark Office can consider documents not currently of record in the present application. The Applicants hereby request that the Examiner consider the documents listed in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith.

In particular, the Applicants submit the following references cited in the Supplemental European Search Report of related application EP 03 79 5752, PCT /US0338830:

- Hurst G.B. et al., MALDI-TOF Analysis of Polymerase Chain Reaction Products form Methaneotrophic Bacteria. *Analytical Chemistry* 70: 2693-2698, 1998.
- WO 02/070664 A (ISIS Pharmaceuticals Inc.)
- Elifro, et al., "PCR and Restriction Endonuclease Analysis for Rapid Identification of Human Adenovirus Subgenera," *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*, Volume 38, No. 6, June 2000, pages 2055-2061
- Takeuchi, et al., "Serotyping of Adenoviruses on Conjunctival Scrapings by PCR and Sequence Analysis," *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*, Vol. 37, No. 6, June 1999, pages 1839-1845
- U.S. Patent No. 5,849,492, Rogan P.K. *et al.*

Copies of the references cited in the Supplemental European Search Report of related application EP 03 79 5752, PCT /US0338830 are provided in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith. The Applicants believe

that the cited references do not teach or suggest the presently claimed invention, and request that they be considered and entered by the Examiner.

In addition, the Applicants submit in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith Office Action Communications for the following related U.S. Patent Applications: 11/059,776; 10/754,415; 10/728,486; 10/660,998; 10/660,997; 10/660,996; 10/660,122; 10/418,514; 10/156,608; 09/891,793; 09/798,007; 11/060,135; 11/210,516; 11/233,630; 11/331,978; 11/331,987; and 11/409,535.

Additional references are provided in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith. These references were made of record in the following related U.S. Patent Applications and International Patent Applications: 10/754,415; 10/660,998; 10/754,415; 11/233,630; 10/660,997; 10/660,996; 11/682,259; 10/660,998; 11/233,630; 10/728,486; 10/660,998; 11/682,259; 11/331,987; 11/331,978; 10/418,514; 10/660,998; 10/660,998; 10/660,997; 10/660,996; 11/682,259; 11/331,987; 11/331,978; 10/660,998; 11/233,630; 10/728,486; 11/682,259; 11/331,987; 10/418,514; 11/682,259; 10/660,997; 10/660,996; 11/682,259; 09/891,793; 10/754,415; 10/660,998; PCT/US2002/20336; PCT/US2002/20336; PCT/US2005/000386; PCT/US2003/38761; PCT/US2004/011877; PCT/US2002/020336; PCT/US2002/020336; PCT/US2002/020336; PCT/US2002/020336; PCT/US2002/020336; PCT/US2002/020336; PCT/US2002/020336; PCT/US2002/020336; PCT/US2005/00386; PCT/US2005/000386; PCT/US2002/20336; PCT/US2002/20336; PCT/US2005/000386; PCT/US2003/38761; and PCT/US2004/011877.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the Applicants' claims be passed into allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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